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## United States Stamps EARLY ISSUES, USED

### 1867 Grill 9x13

Cat. No.	Good	Fine
92 1c blue	1.80	2.75
93 2c black	.65	1.10
94 3c rose	.06	.10
95 5c brown	5.50	7.50
96 10c green	1.60	2.95
97 12c black	1.25	2.00
98 15c black	2.25	3.25
99 24c lilac	10.00	18.25
100 30c orange	6.00	9.00
101 90c blue	25.00	33.50

### 1869

112 1c buff	\$1.40	\$2.25
113 2c brown	.52	.65
114 3c ultramarine	.04	.06
115 6c ultramarine	1.90	3.90
116 10c yellow	1.90	3.85
117 12c green	1.60	2.70
118 15c brown & blue, Type 1	6.80	13.50
119 15c brown & blue, Type 2	2.10	3.85
120 24c green & violet	6.85	12.50
121 30c blue & carmine	4.60	6.50
122 90c carmine & black	22.00	38.50

### 1870-71 Grilled

134 1c ultramarine	.85	1.55
135 2c brown	.65	1.15
136 3c green	.10	.18
137 6c carmine	5.25	9.25
138 7c vermilion	4.65	8.60
139 10c brown	8.50	14.50
140 12c dull violet	42.50	70.00
141 15c orange	11.50	16.00
142 24c purple	185.00	360.00
143 30c black	46.00	48.50
144 90c carmine	16.00	23.50

### 1870-71 No Grill

145 1c ultramarine	.16	.26
146 2c brown	.08	.15
147 3c green	.02	.03
148 6c carmine	.32	.50
149 7c vermilion	1.40	2.10
150 10c brown	.60	.75

Cat. No.	Good	Fine
151 12c dull violet	.75	1.20
152 15c orange	1.20	2.10
153 24c purple	1.45	3.50
154 30c full black	2.45	4.10
155 90c carmine	3.55	5.60

### 1873 Cont'l Bank Note Co.

156 1c ultramarine	\$ .04	\$ .08
157 2c dark brown	.18	.25
158 3c green	.01	.02
159 6c dull pink	.15	.24
160 7c vermilion	1.60	2.10
161 10c brown	.18	.28
162 12c blackish violet	1.30	1.75
163 15c yellow orange	1.45	2.35
164 24c purple	26.00	37.50
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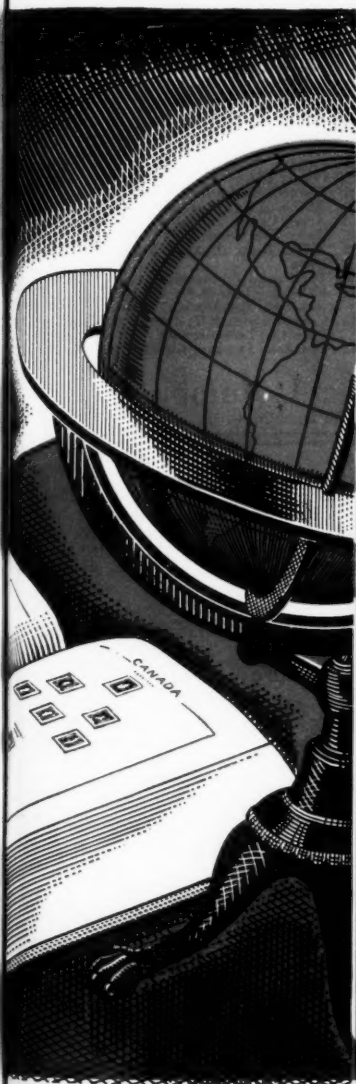
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| 9 Alaska-Yukon, Hudson-Fulton      | 26 Century of Progress                         | 41 Navy Commemorative                      |
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| 11 Pan-Pacific, perf. 10, Victory  | 28 Kosciusko, Mothers Day, Wisconsin           | Dare                                       |
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## Australasian Notes

BY R. PORTER

### AUSTRALIA

The second contingent of the A.I.F. is now in Palestine, and there is still no official announcement regarding the stamps to be issued in honor of the A.I.F. It is possible that this delay might be due to the retirement of the Australian Note and Stamp Printer, Mr. John Ash, which took place in April. Mr. John Ash whose imprint appears at the base of each sheet of stamps issued by his office, was responsible for all the Commonwealth stamps since 1926, and for many New Zealand issues, notably the 1936 Commerce and many Health series. The current Papuan, New Guinea and Nauru stamps have also been engraved and printed under his direction. No doubt the high standard set by Mr. Ash will be maintained by his successor, whose name, however, has not been announced yet.

stamp of May 1st. The rate is 5d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. and a weekly return crossing is now in operation. It is hoped that the increase in the loads of mails and number of passengers will soon necessitate a biweekly service. Two flying boats, the Aotearoa and the Awarua are taking turns at flying across the 1300 miles of Tasman sea.

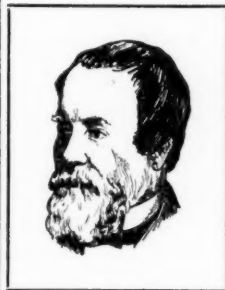
Now that the trans Tasman air service is in operation it is expected that the trans-Pacific service from U.S.A. to N.Z. will be inaugurated at an early date. This would close the last link of a round-the-world airmail service via Australia.

I have recently received several inquiries from collectors of Australian stamps living in U.S.A. whether they should include Commonwealth stamps perforated with the initials O.S. and what was the actual status of the stamps.

Of the three world standard catalogues (Scott, Gibbons & Yvert) only the French Yvert catalogue lists the O.S. perforated stamps, the other two ignoring them completely. The widespread influence of the Gibbons and Scott catalogues on the English speaking collectors has prejudiced most of them against these stamps. No doubt the perforating

## Famous American Inventors

### CYRUS HALL McCORMICK



McCormick is the American inventor whose invention of the reaper revolutionized farming methods. He was born on a farm at Walnut Grove, in Rockbridge County, Va., about 15 miles from the present city of Lexington, on February 15, 1809. He was of Scotch descent, his grandfather a veteran of the Revolutionary War. His father had attempted to develop a reaper and Cyrus in 1831 constructed the first successful one. McCormick's education was obtained at home and at the rural schools. In 1831 he designed a hillside plow and in the same year went to Kentucky on business. In 1836 he engaged with his father in a financially disastrous enterprise, that of attempting to work some iron deposits in Virginia. To attempt to recoup from this he improved and patented his reaper and eventually in 1839 exhibited it and sold the first two. In 1841 he sold seven and in

1843, 29 and from then on the business grew tremendously. These first ones were built at the blacksmith shop on the farm, but in 1845 he moved to Cincinnati in connection with having the machines made by others. Not satisfied with others workmanship he established a factory of his own at Chicago in 1847. Others at almost the same time had developed reapers and from 1850 until his death, McCormick was continually involved in litigation over patents, particularly as in 1848 his patent was not renewed. The rapid growth in demand for reapers can be seen from the fact that by 1860 about 100 firms were manufacturing them and McCormick alone sold about 5,000 machines that year. On January 26, 1858, he married Nancy Fowler. As his wealth piled up, McCormick gave to religious, political and educational institutions generously. In 1859 he gave \$100,000 to the Chicago school which became McCormick Seminary and later he endowed a chair at Washington and Lee. In later life he was very active in Democratic politics and was his party's candidate for state office a number of times. Honors for his invention came to him from foreign governments, among them an officership in the French Legion of Honor. McCormick died at Chicago, May 13, 1884, survived by seven children. His invention made possible the opening of our west to vast farming operations and the 75c Parcel Post stamp design particularly recalls this.

The Trans-Tasman air service to New Zealand commenced on May 2nd with a flight from Rose Bay, Sydney, to Auckland, by the "Aotearoa." The flying boat accomplished the crossing in eight hours as compared with the fourteen hours which was the average time for flying machines of the past decade. No special cachets were employed for the first official flight, and the covers bear the ordinary cancellations and the Auckland backstamp of May 3, 1940. A number of specially designed covers were issued for the occasion by Tasman Empire Airways which operate the service. Nearly 40,000 letters (mostly of philatelic origin) were carried on the first flight. The rate has been fixed at 5d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

### NEW ZEALAND

A special rectangular cachet in six lines was used on all the first flight covers on board the "Aotearoa" across the Tasman Sea. The cachet reads: NEW ZEALAND / AUSTRALIA / ENGLAND / THROUGH AIRMAIL SERVICE / INAUGURAL FLIGHT/1940. Although the flight from Auckland to Sydney took place in the early hours of April 30th, the mail for this crossing closed three days earlier to enable the censorship of letters to be carried through. Consequently the latest New Zealand postmark on first flight covers is April 26th. The covers bear the Sydney back-

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of a stamp with any letters, unlike the use of an overprint, actually damaged it and had therefore much to do with this prejudice, and it is almost certain that were the practice of overprinting the stamps with the letters O.S. been adopted, the official stamps now not listed, would most likely have found catalogue status.

Even before the Commonwealth stamps were issued, all stamps supplied to the different government Departments were punctured with letters signifying their status as government stamps. No distinction between State and Federal departments was made in Victoria and Queensland, but in the other four states the difference was shown by different letters used for puncturing the stamps. Thus while all stamps issued for the Federal Departments were perforated with the letters O.S. (Official Service) the state departments employed the following letters:—New South Wales—N.S.W.; South Australia—S.A.; Tasmania—T.; West Australia—W.A.

When the Commonwealth stamps were introduced in January, 1913, Western Australia and South Australia followed the example of Queensland and Victoria and only N.S.W. and Tasmania continued to use the different perforations for their State Departments.

The first Kangaroo stamps were punctured with what is generally termed as the "large O.S.". The perforation employed consisted of thirty-five pins, the O showing 18 punctures and S, 17. The letters measure 14 mm. in height and the total width of the puncture is 14 mm. The puncture was applied to full sheets of the ordinary stamps, one row at a time, and consequently all the varieties of the stamps exist in the ordinary and perforated states. The 4d. value is known to exist with inverted puncture.

This first puncture proved to be too large for the Kangaroo stamps and made the stamps liable to be torn while being separated. Consequently a new perforator was fitted and brought into use six months later (June, 1913). The perforator consisted of 23 pins, 12 for the O and 11 for the S. The letters measure 8½ mm. in height and the total width of the puncture is 15½ mm. This perforator was used on all subsequent stamps until replaced by the overprint in 1931.

Nearly all Australian stamps issued prior to 1931 exist with the letters punctured OS, and those issued between 1931 and 1932 have been overprinted O.S. The overprinted official stamps are listed by both Scott and Gibbons.

However the use of the official stamps was greatly abused, large quantities being

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At the present moment the Federal Departments use ordinary stamps, while the various state departments have reverted to their former perforations. The Victorian Government uses the letters VG, while the stamps used by the N.S.W. State departments are perforated G.-N.S.W. in two lines.

As to the question whether any of the above perforations should be collected or not, this is entirely a matter for the collector himself to decide. Should he desire further information on the perforated stamps of the Common-



wealth I suggest the Orlo-Smith catalogue published in Australia and available there for the equivalent of about 60 cents. The Society of Australian Specialists has also recently published a catalogue of Australian stamps and this includes all the O.S. perforated stamps.

#### NORFOLK ISLAND

This tiny island is soon to find a place in the stamp album because it is to be provided shortly with a separate series of pictorial postage stamps. I have recently received from my correspondent in that island a number of recent "Norfolk Island Weeklies." Just in case you don't know what the Norfolk Island Weekly looks like, let me explain that this is a "newspaper" and official gazette combined, containing some eight mimeographed sheets. The typewriter contents deal with international and local affairs, but it is the latter that are of special interest. Considering that this small community of a little over a thousand lives in constant isolation, the standard of living must be fairly high. Of special interest is the high proportion of people who bear the name of "Christian" or "Adams," thus showing the direct descent from the mutineers of the Bounty. One young Norfolk Islander who now attends the island school is known as Fletcher Christian! Ye shades of the "Bounty"! The descendants of the mutineers who have been living on Norfolk since 1856 have intermarried freely with the "Mainlanders" as the Australian (white) are known and there is no actual distinction now.

The climate of Norfolk Island is ideal and has earned for it the title of "Paradise of Pacific." The temperature always remains between 60 and 80 degrees and the islanders export most of the fruit and vegetables raised in abundance on the fertile soil, to the mainland of Australia.

A monthly steamer service links the island with the mainland of Australia and the arrival of the boat almost causes a public holiday. Up to 1913 stamps of New South Wales were in use at Norfolk but since 1913, the Commonwealth stamps are cancelled with a circular postmark, reading: "Norfolk Island—Aust."

Now that Norfolk Island is to have stamps of its own, covers bearing stamps of N.S.W. and early Commonwealth postmarked at Norfolk are in great demand.

#### NEW ZEALAND

The following additional plates have been used in printing of the Centennial stamps:

- 1d.—C1; C2; D1; D2; E1; E2; F1; F2.  
2d.—B3; B4; C3; C4; D3; D4.

The Philatelic Society of New Zealand held the New Zealand Centennial Philatelic Exhibition from the 15th to the 23rd of April. A distinctive hand stamp reading "Philatelic Exhibition, Wellington, C.3." and special registration label was provided by the Postal Department.

## Philatelic Truck to Visit Conventions

Leaving Kentucky the Philatelic Truck will enter Ohio the first day of July and proceed along the Ohio River Valley to Pittsburgh, striking north from there to Buffalo, where it will time its visit to coincide with the A.P.S. Convention. The Truck will then travel westward through the towns along the lake shore, arriving at Cleveland to be present during the S. P. A. Convention the end of August.

The schedule is as follows: July 1, 2, 3 at Cincinnati; July 5 at Georgetown; July 6 and 8, Portsmouth; July 9, Iron-ton; July 10, Ashland, Ky.; July 11, Catlettsburg, Ky.; July 12 and 13, Huntington, W. Va.; July 15, St. Albans, W. Va.; July 16-17, Charleston, W. Va.; July 18, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; July 19, Gallipolis, O.; July 20, Middleport, O.; July 22, Pomeroy, O.; July 23 and 24, Parkersburg, W. Va.; July 25 and 26, Marietta, O.; July 26, St. Marys, W. Va.; July 27, Sistersville, W. Va.; July 29, New Martinsville, W. Va.; July 30, Moundsville, W. Va.; July 31, Bellaire, O.; August 1 and 2, Wheeling, W. Va.

• The post office of Texas, Georgia will close July 15. The post office of Tigiwon, Colo., will be open from June 30 to July 20, in connection with the annual pilgrimage to the Mount of the Holy Cross.

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## FAIR TIDINGS

Saw Jean Hersholt, stamp collecting motion picture star, speaking at a "Denmark Day" celebration at the Court of Peace . . . Chatting with Felicia Parker, she being the young (and pretty) stamp editor of the *N.Y. Mirror* . . . a "regular guy" if ever we know one . . . At the International Stamp Exhibition being held in the British Pavilion here at the Fair . . . Hans Lagerloef's display of the British Mauritius "Penoe" error of 1848 continues to hold the spotlight, its value at \$22,000 . . . Ethel Stewart's 24 cent airmail collection is on exhibit, including her block of the inverts . . . insured by her for \$36,000. Dr. I. L. Nascher of Staten Island, N. Y., shows his "Freaks and Errors" collection valued at \$15,000 . . . All in all there's an estimated one million dollars worth of stamps on view at the exhibition. Jo Milward, press agent par excellence, is the chappie responsible for those fine articles written about the show . . . Gimbel's Dept. Store now has a stamp counter at the show headed by John Casale, Brooklyn's gift to philately. A "smile with every sale" is his slogan . . . The young lady you see assisting him is the daughter of the late Ralph Barry, stamp editor, of the *New York Herald-Tribune* . . . which reminds us to remind you that we glimpsed likeable Jim Hatcher, stamp scribe of the *N. Y. Journal-American* taking in the Fair . . . had an interesting chat with Mrs. Henry A. Diamant of the Women's Philatelic Society. She's often been called the pioneer of woman stamp collectors . . . Got a kick out of watching a spectator at the show describing how stamps are printed by the American Bank Note Co. to another spectator . . . it so happened the fellow taking it all

in was Bob Fellers, Superintendent of Stamps, Post Office Dept. . . . Grover Whalen, President of the World's Fair drinking in every word said by the demonstrator from the American Bank Note Co. . . . It was our pleasure to interview Mr. Whalen during our introductory broadcast from the Fair on June 17th . . . Saw Vincent Lopez, the popular dance maestro, buying a packet of 1000 different stamps and a copy of "Stamps As An Investment" at the counter. He's really gone in for the hobby in a big way . . . We like the way one Nassau Street dealer described another, "That guy claims he's made stamp dealing his career. Well, that's one career that wasn't carved — it was chiseled. He's just a gyp off the old block."

An elderly colored gent approached me at the Fair exhibition several days ago and asked about the famous \$50,000 British Guiana rarity. "I've heard you tell the history of that stamp," said the grey haired Negro, "and it's wrong." To my reply that the story was accurate insofar as the facts were concerned, facts that required some research to learn, facts that were accepted and used in numerous books and articles dealing with the rarity, the colored gent just shook his head in disapproval. "The story they tell about the stamp is wrong," he declared, "cause I was in British Guiana

when the stamp was found." According to the information he gave me it seems as though he had spent the greater part of his life in the South American colony. The stamp he claimed was found not by Vernon Vaughn, who is credited with its discovery, but by an elderly colored woman. It so happened she attended the Christ Episcopal Church in Georgetown and knowing the head of the church, a Cannon Jhose was a stamp collector, she gave the item to him. Jhose, he claimed held on to the stamp for several years and then sold it to a dealer for the equivalent of \$750. When residents of Georgetown heard of the sum received for the stamp they scoured the city for additional copies but none could be found. The colored gent claimed he had seen the stamp in the possession of Jhose the same year it was found, 1895. Jhose died in 1902 or 1903. That was all the information I could get from the gentleman who claimed the above story is well known in British Guiana. He refused to divulge his name not wanting any publicity but said he would send me further information to substantiate his story. So we offer you this story just as we received it. Should further information be forthcoming be assured it will appear here. Should you have any information regarding this story we would greatly appreciate your communicating with us. It would help to shed more light on the

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#### Poet's Corner

##### EPITAPH TO A CENSOR

Here at length in quiet repose  
A censor lies; but who God knows,  
When raving pressmen shot him dead,  
Filled, like his pencil, full of lead.  
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## Editor's Notebook

**DESTRUCTION** Our comments on the war's effect on stamp prices omitted mention of the one thing that no true philatelist likes to consider, namely that the destruction of stamp collections in the course of the latest blitzkrieg must be reaching a record total. The levelling of large cities, world famous as stamp centers, with a violence equivalent to anything that nature might devise could not fail to destroy philatelic treasures. As we pointed out before, the countries in which the second World War has wreaked its havoc are these countries where stamp collecting is the commonest of hobbies; where stamp albums are as common in households as any other book. Comforting thought to those of us who dislike as all hobbyists the destruction of their treasures, is the knowledge that stamps are small and easily transported and certain is it that many an album accompanies its refugee owner as he flees and we hope not in vain, the Four Horsemen. It's a sad commentary on civilization that many of these paper treasures have survived other holocausts

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—R. R.

## Perts and Imperts

**FROM CAPT. NORMAN D. KING** Of Cheyenne comes a copy of Number 1 of Volume 75 of Philatelic West (Oct.-Nov. 1918). The paper was full of war items, and there is little difference between offerings of those days and the present. The magazine also covers the fields of coins and curios, but stamp matter predominated. 5c red errors, then almost a "new issue" were advertised at from \$2.50 to \$7.50 in blocks of nine containing two errors per block. One ad was of the "Southern Philatelic Association" which was claimed to be "World's Largest Philatelic Society." We might reprint later some of the more interesting news items.

## STOP PRESS

P. O. Dept. announced June 26 that the first flight of U. S. to New Zealand Clipper starts July 12 from San Francisco. Same postage rates as were announced before. Canton Island rate is to be 30c.

**A FOREIGN PUBLISHER HEARD** recently from a customer who stated he had just started his tenth child to collecting by means of one of their albums. We wonder if any LINPRINT albums have as extensive a circulation in this country of smaller average families?

**THE NAME "TRIFET" IS LITTLE** known to present day collectors. A recent Ohio find included a tattered cover with the lengthy imprint of this early American dealer, through whose hands passed many of our present day rarities in U. S. Trifet was the Boston dealer who in return for arranging the government collection in the late '70s, was given the freedom of the obsolete stamp stock. He published albums and issued a monthly "stamp circular" which served as a stamp paper; being noted for his feuding in print with the founder of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. What wouldn't many a student of early U. S. give to obtain the secrets of early issues which died with Trifet?

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At London in the Guildhall on May 19, 1890 there was opened an exhibition in commemoration of the Penny Postage Jubilee. A curious sidelight on the exhibition is that it was held in a room formerly occupied by the famous Madame Tussaud's waxworks display. The Duke of Edinburgh, son of Queen Victoria, officiated at the opening, he being a stamp collector of note. The London Philatelic Society (later to change its name to the Royal Philatelic Society), sponsored the show which featured a very extensive display of rare stamps,

many of them in full sheets, various governments also entering displays. As nearly a complete display of postage stamps as could possibly be gathered comprised the show, together with some highly specialized studies of classic issues.

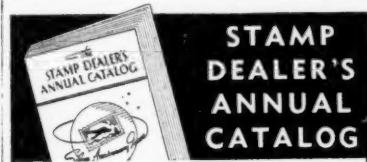
On the day the exhibition opened, postal authorities issued at the postal station at the show, a special one-penny post card, with regular design stamp printed in carmine. To the left of the stamp appears the arms of the City of London, and below the inscription in two lines "PENNY POSTAGE JUBILEE—1890 Guildhall, London." In the upper left corner of the card was an ornamental device including the crown, letters VR, etc. Sold only on the opening day, the card proved amazingly popular and within a few weeks was selling readily at as much as \$4 a copy. The postal authorities however declined to issue more of the cards and this was believed due to the plate having been destroyed promptly after the printing.

On July 2, 1890 the postal authorities, emboldened by the ready sale of the card, planned to issue a commemorative stamped envelope, to celebrate practically the same thing, being the government exhibition in commemoration of the penny postage jubilee. The result was an envelope with the same design 1d stamp, but printed in blue; most of the remainder of the face of the envelope being covered with inscriptions and illustrations. The envelope was designed by the Assistant Secretary of the General Post Office, Mr. F. E. Baines, and the printing was executed by De La Rue & Co., at that time the postage stamp contractors. The design seems to have been a "take-off" on the ill-starred Mulready

and why the envelope was chosen instead of an adhesive for commemoration vehicle, can only be explained by the fact that Rowland Hill had originally favored the envelope as a means of postage prepaying; that a large and complicated design was unsuitable for a small adhesive; and finally, envelopes were popular with collectors at the time.

The design is as follows: In the upper left corner the VR, crown, etc., design found on the card. In between them is a drawing of a post coach and team in action, with inscription below in small

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- 5Q. green
- 15Q. pink
- 20Q. blue
- 50Q. brown
- 1fr. gray green
- 2fr. sepia
- 3fr. purple

(R. Roberts)

**Special Delivery Stamps.** Large horizontal format, perf. 14, unwmkd., photogravure printing:

- 25Q. purple
- 50Q. orange vermillion

(R. Roberts)

**LATVIA**—New Design. Small upright rectangular format, 21x25mm., photogravure printing, perf. 10. wmkd., swastikas. Name across the top of the stamp, numerals of value in each lower corner. Central design is Arms and Stars for Livonia, Kurland and Latgale:

- 1s. deep claret
- 2s. yellow ochre
- 3s. vermillion
- 7s. dark green
- 10s. dark blue green
- 20s. deep maroon
- 50s. deep myrtle green
- 1L. olive green

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**MADAGASCAR**—Types of 1931-38. Four lower values are photogravure, two higher engraved. Lower perf. 13x13½; two higher perf. 13. All are unwatermarked:

- A14—60c. red lilac
- A14—70c. rose
- A14—1.40fr. orange
- A14—1.60fr. purple

- A15—2.50fr. dark brown
- A15—10fr. green

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**MARTINIQUE**—Types of 1933-38. Photogravure, perf. 13½, unwmkd.:



- A19—60c. light blue
- A21—70c. red violet
- A19—1.40fr. ultramarine
- A20—1.60fr. brown
- A19—2.50fr. sepia

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**NEW CALEDONIA**—Types of 1928-39. Unwmkd., perf. 14x13½, typographed:

- A20—60c. blue & carmine
- A21—1fr. red & green
- A21—1.40fr. blue & orange
- A21—1.60fr. green & brown
- A21—2.50fr. brown & tan

**Air Post Stamps.** Type of 1938. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13:

- AP1—7fr. deep blue green
- AP1—20fr. orange
- AP1—60fr. black

(R. Roberts)

**PARAGUAY**—Chaco Boundary. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 11½. Size of stamp 84x29mm:

- 50c. ultramarine (Coat of Arms)

**Paz del Chaco.** Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 12½. 50c., 1P., 5P. and 10P. are upright, other four are horizontal:

- 50c. deep orange (soldier)
- 1P. magenta (woman)
- 3P. yellow-green (cowboys)
- 5P. red-brown (plowing)
- 10P. carmine (river scene)
- 20P. violet (oxcart)
- 50P. turquoise (farm land)
- 100P. black (waterfalls)

**University Issue.** Additional values to go with the 5P. noted by us April 20th. Lithographed, perf. 12, unwmkd.:

- A67—50c. orange & black
- A67—1P. violet & black
- A67—2P. red-brown & black

**Official Stamps.** To go with the above University set and heralded in our notes of April 20th. Lithographed, horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 11½. Portraits of President Escobar to left and Doctor Zubizarreta to right, in center of stamp. Portraits are in black. Border color noted below:

- O20—50c. red-brown
- O20—1P. rose
- O20—2P. light green
- O20—5P. ultramarine
- O20—10P. violet
- O20—50P. orange

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# Philippine Notes

BY PABLO M. ESPERIDION  
Manila, Philippines

For cutting into halves two used 20-peso stamps, assembling the uncanceled halves together, and franking them on his Clipper mail . . . a local vest-pocket dealer found himself in hot water. Postally just a "trial balloon," spotted by the boys at the Manila Post Office while playing Scotland Yard.

First day sales of the third series of the Fourth Anniversary of the Commonwealth (Pres. Quezon taking oath of office) amounted to P8,033.72. Total First Day covers—3,892.

The centenary of the first postage stamp was observed in Manila quietly, and local clubs celebrated it in their own way.

The Commonwealth Government is sending an entry to the International Stamp Centennial Exhibition at the New York World's Fair, it was learned from the Philippine postal authorities.

Speaking of the International Stamp Centennial Exhibition, word comes from Ernest A. Kehr, director of the philatelic show, that Resident Commissioner Joaquin M. Elizalde of the Philippines is sending too, a special P.I. exhibit.

Incidentally, Don Jesus Cacho, honorary president of the Philippine Air Mail Society, wanted to exhibit his Philippine rarities at the ISCE too, but no local insurance company would accept a coverage for his entry thru the duration of the show, although J. C. asked only an insurance of 100,000 pesos!

"Gone with the wind" was the miniature sheet for the fifteenth anniversary of the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas. On May 26, the AFF observed its fifteenth anniversary with the "miniature sheet" printed on the AFF's philatelic menu!

Bearing three designs, the label sheet was printed in different colors, and in a footnote, it reads in part: "... la cual emision no se pudo llevar a cabo por falta de tiempo" (. . . which issue was not carried out for lack of time).

News squeezed in some American magazines that there'll be new Philippine airmails and that new series of postage dues had already been ordered at Washington, D. C., was ignored by Director

of Posts Juan Ruiz, according to informed quarters. However, "the advisability of issuing said stamps is being considered, but no definite decision has as yet been reached. Appropriate announcement will be made in the local papers in due time, if the printing of said stamps would ever be ordered," the Superintendent of Money Order Division (who also supervises the Philatelic Section) said in a communication received by this correspondent under date of May 11.

So far, no developments as when stamps of old Philippine stocks will be destroyed, but excerpts of a communication dated March 13, received by this correspondent from the Director of Posts states, "As soon as the necessary authority is received, the kinds and denominations of the stamps to be destroyed will be published in the local papers to give the public a chance to buy them before the date set for destruction."

Developing gradually as an accepted sideline among collectors in Manila, is the collection of meter mail slogans. As a matter of fact, among its recent "converts" is a prominent collector who is compiling at present a check list of all meter mail slogans used by business firms in the Philippines. The current interest on this sideline is due perhaps to the recent introduction of meter mail slogans in these Islands.

There are 19 postal cancellation slogans issued by the Bureau of Posts i.e., from the beginning (July 12, 1930) up to the present writing (May 31). For a complete check list, watch for it in this magazine.

*Filipinas Filatelico* (Philatelic Philippines) was the first philatelic magazine published in the Philippines. It was dated Sept. 30, 1914. It was published at Pontevedra, Occidental Negros, and edited by Jose E. Marco, in Spanish and English. Vol. 1, No. 1, has 8 pages (including cover), the size, 6½ x 9½".

Here's something the boys at the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C., might save from the laundry. *Communications Magazine*, official publication of the employees of the Bureau of Posts, Manila, started publishing philatelic features with slants of "educating philatelically" the non-stamp collecting public.

The C. M. is a general publication and took its bow last December. It's issued

monthly and printed on fine paper. Size 9" x 12". Its May issue contains 50 pages. Subscription is \$1 a year, U. S. and possessions, and \$2 in foreign countries. Its first editor was Director of Posts Juan Ruiz himself!

Covers "Passed by Censor" were sold in recent local auctions like nobody's business.

A. Gabler-Gumbert, associate editor of *The Airmail Digest*, vice-president of the Philippine Air Mail Society, and one of the oldtimers in the hobby in the Philippines, died in Manila, May 19, a victim of cancer.

The late A. Gabler-Gumbert was born in Scharley, Germany, and was educated in his native land. He was a naturalized Filipino citizen, having resided in the Philippines for 29 years, and one of the prominent architects in the Islands. In Manila philatelic circles, he was well identified. He had a unique collection of Philippine corner straightedges!

Counting the stamps listed in Scott's 1940 Catalog, Sabas M. Esperidion, a Manila collector, arrived at a total of 102,769 for the whole world.

Racing for "supremacy," the United States comes first, with 3,562 on her credit side, according to SME's list. India comes next, with 3,061; Nicaragua 2,684; France 2,592; Colombia 1,881; Spain 1,752; Mexico 1,703; Turkey 1,675; Russia 1,710; Italy 1,670; El Salvador 1,507; Germany 1,378; Greece 1,352; Austria 1,276; Persia, 1,150; Roumania 1,112; Honduras 1,061; Belgium 1,018; and Straits Settlements, 1,066. Other countries are below the thousand mark.

Surprisingly enough, Great Britain (excluding colonies) chalks up only to 790, with a small margin over the Philippines, which has a total issue of 719.

Last year, SME obtained a total of 98,092 per the Scott's Catalog of 1939, which compared with 102,769 as per his compilation for 1940, there shows an increase of 4,677 stamps for the present year.

• Cover on first flight of TWA planes from the new Philadelphia airport has been received courtesy of E. A. Hecker, cachet by the airline. The cancel of the Air Mail Field post office is dated in error "JUL 19" instead of "JUNE 19."

• Wellington, New Zealand, is using the slogan cancellation "YOUNG MAN ANSWER THE CALL FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE."

## Fiftieth Anniversary

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capital letters: "The North Mail making for Highgate, 1790, at 8 miles an hour." Above the drawing in four lines of varying size capital letters is the inscription "POST OFFICE JUBILEE OF UNIFORM PENNY POSTAGE AT SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM, 2nd July, 1890." In the lower left corner was a sketch of a postman of 1840 in high beaver hat and at his right a table of 1840 postage rates. Opposite the 1840 postman, flanking the "1d" rate of 1890 and standing on the date 1890, is a be-whiskered postman of that vintage, looking very much like a U. S. Civil War soldier. Across the bottom of the envelope is a drawing of a nine-car train with inscription below in small capitals "THE NORTH MAIL, 1890, APPROACHING CARLISLE AT 48 MILES AN HOUR."

Inside the envelope was a card for correspondence use. It bore no stamp as it was not intended to be used except inside. In the upper left corner was a boxed sketch of Rowland Hill and underneath in small capital letters the quotation "He gave us penny postage"; to the right an oblong ornamental device featuring coat of arms, and above the date "1890" the inscription "Penny Postage Jubilee."

Announcement of the Jubilee envelope, coupled with the visible evidence of the rapid increase in value of the card, resulted in a heavy public demand for the envelope and predictions were that the envelope might also sell in the dollars soon. As usual when everyone tries to speculate in the same thing, nothing of the sort happened and the envelope could be purchased four years afterward for less than 50c; sometimes at only a fraction of that sum.

Postmark collectors will also occasionally run across specimens of the special cancellation used at the Guildhall exhibition. This is in the shape of an eight-pointed star and includes crown flanked by V and R and wording and date for the Penny Postage Jubilee. It should be noted that all of this celebration was primarily for the advent of penny postage rates, and the stamp jubilee was not mentioned or referred to except as an incidental, though the exhibits featured stamps.

## T. W. A. Cachets

About July 8, the first flight of the T. W. A. four-motor stratoliner will take place, from New York west via Chicago, Kansas City, Albuquerque to Los Angeles and returning via same points to New York with additional eastbound stop at Pittsburgh. Covers for mailing from any point to any other point will be handled free by Chambers of Commerce at Kansas City, Mo., Albuquerque, N. M.; and Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mr. E. P. Querl of the Chicago Association of Commerce; and at New York by Lee Swigart, District Manager of TWA, 70 E. 42nd St. Covers should bear air mail

postage and may be addressed to any point in the U. S. but should bear pencil notation such as "via Kansas City-Los Angeles, WEST."

## First Day Calendar

3c Idaho—To be issued July 3 at Boise. Stamp will be large horizontal design.

3c Wyoming—To be issued July 10 at Cheyenne. Stamp will be large vertical rectangle.

No others of the Famous Americans Series will appear until next September 5. For schedule of the 10 stamps remaining to be issued see the calendar in June 8 LINN'S. Collectors are requested not to send covers to postmasters earlier than 30 days prior to the first day.

• The Sudanese provisional issued in March of this year (5m on 10m) is found with the figure 5 handstamped in a different style of letter, the result of the figure being omitted on some impressions during printing; the omission being noted and corrected by hand before the stamps were issued.

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With the Italian entry into the war and the Siberian connections not functioning yet, very few European shipments have been received in the past few weeks. Those that have reached New York come from agents in Portugal. The European wholesalers in New York City are a little worried now. Most of their connections have disappeared with Hitler's European conquests.

At Barr's three-day auction sale which ended Saturday, June 15th, Mr. Barr disposed of some of the finest United States Material that has been offered. It will be a long time before such material in so fine a condition will be offered for sale again. But then, I can't be too sure of this as Mr. Barr usually turns up with excellent material at all of his sales.

With the sudden rise in the English pound, many New York importers of English and Colonial stamps were caught short. The boys were forced to pay an average of 20% more for their stamps. This in some cases may account for the discrepancies which may appear in price on the English and Morocco Centennial sets.

With the summer vacation of the Famous American series, dealers are hoping that they may be able to pick up a few well centered plate blocks in the sets which have appeared to date. This issue has appeared in the most atrocious centering. It is hard to under-

stand the reason for this. This set was issued mainly for the stamp collector.

The Pan-American and Centennial sets still are the most popular items and best sellers in the New York wholesale and retail market. With the advent of each new issue, a revival of the previous issues take place, with a few exceptions. These exceptions being the limited issues that have appeared. The latest limited issue, is the Centennial souvenir sheet from Argentina. To date, very small quantities of this sheet have been received with many rumors as to its scarcity.

## Tennessee Exhibition

The first Tennessee state-wide stamp exhibition was held in Nashville under the auspices of the Nashville Philatelic Society, on June 7, 8 and 9, in the Noel Hotel. A silver pitcher trophy was presented to H. W. Knopp, of Nashville, winner of the Grand Award. Mr. Knopp's entries were frames of Tennessee precancels, including a frame of the Chattanooga Medicine Company's ovals. This was undoubtedly the largest stamp show ever held in this state, both in regard to the number of frames and the attendance.

The judges for the exhibition were Dr. D. E. Zook, Nashville; J. D. Wier, Salt Lake City, and Henry A. Meyer, Evansville, Indiana. Those collectors who failed to attend the show missed a most outstanding philatelic research display, this being Lieutenant Clifford Bicking's postal lineage of the stamps of Spain.

Talks were given by L. W. Baker, Knoxville; Benjamin Nevison, of Detroit; Dr. O. Reed Hill, Lebanon, and Ralph Davis, Washington, in charge of the Government's Philatelic Truck. At the formal organization of the Tennessee Philatelic Association, the officers elected included F. L. Weiland, President and H. D. Batson, Secretary.

• Bowing to protests by religious groups, the Swiss government has issued a second edition of the current 20c plus 5c National Fete stamp. The new printing has the inscription "CALVEN 1499" omitted. The change has not pleased Protestants in the country.

• When Colonel Hooper of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx visited the KenMore Stamp Co. the entire staff of girls were made members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Col. Hooper was given a key to the Village of Kenmore by the supervisor of the Town of Tonawanda which includes the village.

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# PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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## PRICE CONFUSION

There is one thing that has come to my attention quite forcibly recently. It is the matter of certain low priced precancels that seem to be more plentiful when precancelled than regularly cancelled. Of course I don't think this is really true, the situation being that there was a much larger demand for regular U. S. than for precancels and the shunning led to accumulations of these items till it seemed they were plentiful. Anyway where the price precancelled is less than the regular used retail price I have noticed dealers very reluctant in selling at catalog price and often refusing to sell unless they got the regular U. S. retail price. Although a lot of collectors don't like to have precancels in their used U. S. there is a growing tendency for some to take a precancel rather than leave a blank space so the dealers naturally cannot be blamed for asking regular U. S. retail from a precancel collector even if the precancel quotation is lower. Now I know the publishers realized that they would be on the spot in the matter of these items and I think they did the best they could. That trends have changed since the ground work for the last released catalog was laid is no fault of the publishers. To the collector who is in the market for such items I suggest that he give the matter some thought and if the price over catalog is within reason, and the condition fair, not to pass up the items because whether you like to think so or not, even the so-called common stuff is going off the market fast in the older issues. I refer to some values of the 1917 issue, the Parcel Posts and Parcel Post Dues, and the 1902 3c items and of course others.

## BRITTLE STAMPS

In handling items of the 1895, '98, 1902, '08 and '12 issue great care should be exercised as most of these stamps are quite brittle even de-gummed (pity the poor U. S. collector that has to handle them gummed). It seems that it is no matter at all to break a corner off one of these old boys. I am telling you collectors like the darky preacher "do as I say and not as I do." I have four or five pair of tongs around the place but when I want to handle stamps they are always missing. Worse than the proverbial collar button.

## NOTES

James Seay from down Tenn. way sends me a South Pittsburg, Tenn., 1c Prexy U-121 type. —From M. Bernstein comes the 1½c Washington, Pa., prexy buro. —The ½c Columbus prexy buro made its appearance at last meeting of the Central Ohio Precancel Club. The grapevine has it that these will not be circulating for several months though as quite a supply of Hales are on hand. —Incidentally I think the ½c prexy city type from Columbus should prove pretty

good as only a few were used and then evidently not because of necessity but through error. —The 15c prexy from Columbus in U-12 has been noted. —The 6c Philadelphia prexy buro is out. —1c Stephen Foster, San Saba, Texas, U-121.

## British West Indies

Part of the Americas are the numerous islands in the West Indies which belong to the European powers. To many the postal service is as primitive as it was a century ago. Lack of modern communications has seriously hampered the islands economically and a West Indian Royal Commission was appointed in 1938 by the British government to investigate social and economic conditions in all the American possessions except Bermuda, but including British Honduras and British Guiana. If the recommendations of the commission are put into practice, important changes in the postal affairs will result. One suggestion was the offering of a subsidy for maintenance of a regular British passenger service to some of the West Indian colonies. Another was that two small "sea-going" ships be provided by the government for trade between the smaller islands. Mail now reaches some islands by sailing vessel. A regular air service is also proposed to be operated from St. Kitts to Trinidad, stopping at Barbados and the principal Leeward and Windward Islands.

## Superintendent Resigns

Charles P. Graddick, Superintendent of the Division of Air Mail Service of the P. O. Dept., has resigned effective June 30 to become director of mail and express for United Airlines. Mr. Graddick had been with the post office for about 30 years and is well known to collectors for his friendly help in arranging first flight cover details and his activity in affairs of the American Air Mail Society. His successor has not been announced.

• It pays to look closely at common stamps. Someone recently found two used copies of Colombia's 1939 air mail provisional 15c on 20c with double surcharge.

## Stamp Club Activities

Cleveland, Ohio — Arrangements for bourse tables at the S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland, August 29 to Sept. 1 are being made by the Chairman of that committee, E. N. Ong, 700 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland, O. The program will include listings of local clubs and these should be sent F. H. Hawley, Chairman, P. O. Box 1905, University Center Station, Cleveland, O.

Texas — A mimeographed supplementary bulletin has appeared from the Texas Philatelic Association, to be published on an irregular schedule depending on news and official business. Contains much interesting news on the organization.

Buffalo, N. Y. — In connection with centenary of stamps and the coming APS convention, the Buffalo Stamp Club has prepared a philatelic label depicting the Buffalo post office as it was in 1840. The pair of labels in two colors are being sold at 10c per pair through Louis Zenger, 222 Pine St., Buffalo. The club mentions some historical data in connection with these seals. The Buffalo post office in 1840 employed in addition to the Postmaster and his deputy, eight clerks. The post office occupied the second story of an old church and its mails were received by stage coach as the railroads had not yet reached the city.

Vancouver, B. C. — Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs held a 600 frame exhibit here May 30 to June 2. A specialized collection of Hawaii by W. J. Davey, Victoria, B. C., won the grand award: an oil painting by Eugene Zeigler titled "The Stampeders." More than 250 attended the annual banquet, representing clubs in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

• The True Co. of Minneapolis has contracted with the Bing Co. of the same city to be supplied by a million sets of stamps valued at \$200,000. The stamps will be offered with their line of packages of popcorn, potato chips, salted nuts and candy.

• In 1886 there was published a "Musical Album" which contained "The Philatelic Polka, The Postage Stamp Waltz and the Collectors' Quadrille." They were composed by Francis Mary Palmer.

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*Paper Chase, The Amenities of Stamp Collecting*, by Alvin F. Harlow, published by Henry Holt & Co., 257 Fourth Ave., New York City, 354 pages, cloth bound, illustrated, price \$2.75 of booksellers. This book is somewhat on the order of the Hallgren book in its contents and scope, but what is noticed soon by minor points here and there is that it is written by a non-collector. Alvin Harlow has studied the postal service thoroughly as his volume "Old Postbags" testifies and this naturally led to the present volume on stamps, stamp collecting and stamp collectors. High points of interest are the numerous anecdotes of the hobby, and the note of humor which underlies most of the book. The book in this respect differs from other books of the same general contents which have appeared from time to time. The collector interested in the early history of his hobby may learn some interesting data, all humorous, which unfortunately are marred by inaccuracies in dates and names. To the general public, not so critical due to lack of knowledge of the hobby, the book will prove highly interesting.

• On June 16 the Division of Air Mail Service was transferred from the First Assistant Postmaster General to the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

• The bell shown on the recent Lithuanian stamps is one presented to the new republic in 1918 by former Lithuanians residing in the United States.

## Club Raises Funds for Allies

The Ohio Valley Stamp Club of Wheeling, W. Va., passed unanimously at its June 13th meeting a resolution that the club hold donation auctions from time to time to raise funds to be given the "Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies." Other clubs were requested to take similar action.

• When the Japanese sponsored government was set up at Nanking, China, on March 30, post offices used a cancellation commemorating the event with Chinese inscription "Commemorating the return of the National Government of the Chinese Republic to its capital."

• A recent auction lot abroad was a 1922 registered cover from Azerbaijan franked with 17 copies of the 66,000 ruble provisional of that year, paying a total in postage of 1,122,000 rubles.

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• Ignorance of the contents of the gum on the first postage stamps stirred up considerable tumult at one time as a rumor spread that the gum contained poison and was spreading plagues such as cholera. The frightened label-lickers quieted when it was proven the "cement" was nothing other than scorched potato starch.

# NEW STAMPS

## JULY 3

### Idaho --- Golden Jubilee of Statehood

## JULY 10

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